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# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Seventh Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Canada, June 26-July 2, 1912

## FIRST SESSION

(June 27, 1912, 2:30 p. m., at the  
Chateau Laurier.)

The meeting was called to order by President Godard, forty-four being present.

The president introduced Mr. H. H. Bligh, K.C., librarian of the Supreme Court of the Dominion, who welcomed the association to Canada and expressed the hope that the sessions would be profitable and that the stay in Ottawa would be enjoyed. He invited the members of the association to visit his library.

President Godard then addressed the association.

The report of the treasurer was read by the secretary, as follows:

To the American Association of Law Libraries:

Your treasurer respectfully reports the following receipts and expenditures: on August 24th I received a statement from Mr. F. O. Poole, former treasurer of the association, and a list of receipted bills which total \$943.71. These receipts are expenditures made by Mr. Poole on behalf of the Association since the balancing of his books on May 5, 1911.

For the period from Aug. 26, 1911, to June 24, 1912, the following receipts and expenditures were made: It might be well to state here that your treasurer was elected at the annual meeting of the Association held at Pasadena in May, 1911, but the financial affairs were not turned over to him until the above date.

## Receipts

F. O. Poole, to balance account..\$	88.58
Subscriptions for Index.....	666.50
Dues .....	316.00
Advertising .....	263.75
Overpayment of dues.....	.26
Overpayment of subscriptions....	4.00
	<u>\$1,335.09</u>

## Expenditures

Treasurer, printing &... supplies .....	\$ 37.87	
G. G. Glasier, express ...	3.96	
H. L. Butler, typewriting for 1911 .....	11.35	
The Index		
Composition, printing & binding No. 2 & No. 4 and storage on back number as per bills...	447.45	
Salary of Karl Ed. Stein- metz as Mgr. Editor as per agreement with Executive Committee..	400.00	
Salary of Frederick W.. Schenk as per agree- ment with the Execu- tive Committee.....	80.00	
Printing the report of the Committee on Ses- sions .....	1.75	
Wrapping and shipping No. 2 of the Index....	10.41	
Wrapping and shipping No. 4 of the Index....	12.52	
Supplies furnished the Editor of the Index, and express .....	19.05	
Return of overpayment of dues .....	.25	
Refund of subscriptions.	4.00	1,028.61

Balance in First Nat'l. Bank, Montpelier, Vt.	\$306.48
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Your treasurer wishes to express at this time his appreciation of the many favors of the different officers of the association.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. LEE WHITNEY, Treasurer.

The secretary reported that aside from arranging the program of the annual meeting, taking up details with reference to the election of new members, and other

routine matters, the Executive committee had been obliged to meet the situation arising from the much regretted resignation of Mr. Gilson G. Glasier, as editor of the Index, after the publication of the first number of volume 4. It was finally decided to engage Mr. Karl E. Steinmetz, as editor of the balance of volume 4 at slight increase in compensation over the amount he received for indexing. The negotiations consumed so much time that after the publication of No. 2 of volume 4, it was decided to omit the third number, and to proceed forthwith with the preparation of the annual number which was to contain all index material of the year, including that which would have appeared in the third number.

At the meeting of the Committee in Cleveland, December 29-30, there was received from Mr. Schenk a proposition for doing the indexing and editing of volume 5 of the Index which was so favorable to the association that the Committee decided to accept it. Arrangements were effected which the Committee believed would place the work on a firm basis.

Members were urged to do their best to secure new subscribers.

On motion by Mr. Small, the president was directed to appoint an auditing committee, a nominating committee, and a committee on resolutions, of three members each, which committees were directed to report at a later session during the convention. The president appointed the following committees:

Auditing Committee: Mrs. M. C. Klingensmith, Miss Frances D. Lyon, Harold L. Butler.

Nominating Committee: A. J. Small, E. A. Feazel, C. J. Babbitt.

Committee on Resolutions: E. M. Borchard, F. B. Crossley, F. O. Poole.

Dr. G. E. Wire, chairman, reported progress on behalf of the committee on the Reprinting of Session Laws. This report, together with other reports and papers not set out in this number, will be found in the Law Library Journal published by

this association in conjunction with the Index to Legal Periodicals.

Mr. George N. Cheney, chairman, on behalf of the committee on the list of law libraries and librarians, reported progress.

Mr. O. J. Field, chairman, on behalf of the committee on Latin American Laws, reported that that committee had received but one response to about thirty letters sent to various South American legal institutions. This reply came from Brazil, and called attention to the fact that the National Press of Rio de Janeiro had for sale the public laws of the country. The committee hoped to report additional information at the next annual meeting.

Mr. Poole, temporary chairman of the committee to confer with the Library of Congress on shelf classifications for the law department, reported that a series of questions had been propounded by the Library of Congress, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, and that replies thereto had been received from Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Babbitt, which replies had been transmitted to the Library of Congress. No further action was taken by the committee pending further word from the Library of Congress, which library since that time has seemed to be fully occupied with other matters.

Mr. A. J. Small, chairman of the Committee on Bibliography of Bar Association Proceedings, reported that a complete list, prepared by Mr. Francis Rawle, of Philadelphia, had been received by the committee, but that, in accordance with Mr. Rawle's request, details given in this list—many of which were in very abbreviated form—would have to be put into bibliographical shape before publication. It was further reported that arrangements would be effected whereby this work might be done, and publication secured.

Mr. Small, chairman of the Committee on the Bibliography of American Statute law, reported progress.

On motion of Mr. H. L. Butler, it was voted to accept the reports of the special

committees so far received, and to continue all the committees, subject to such change in personnel as might seem necessary to the incoming president, and further, that all committees be directed to report at the next annual meeting.

Mr. John B. Kaiser, librarian of the Department of economics and sociology of the University of Illinois, read a paper on library school training for employees of law libraries. This was followed by an animated discussion.

On motion, it was voted to adjourn, to meet again on June 28th, at 9:30 a. m.

## SECOND SESSION

(June 28, 1912, at 9:30 a. m., at the  
Chateau Laurier.)

President Godard called the meeting to order and stated that the first matter to be taken up was the consideration of the "Tentative list of subject headings for a law library catalog" prepared by the Library of Congress.

Mr. Edwin M. Borchard introduced the matter. He stated that the list had been prepared primarily for the use of the Library of Congress in its own catalog and in the work of printing catalog cards for distribution. It was hoped that the list in its final form would be of help to law libraries throughout the country, and to this end criticisms of the tentative list and suggestions were asked for.

Mr. Borchard then took up the headings in regard to which there might be difference of opinion, and explained the decision reached by his library. He pointed out several cases where changes had already been made in the list.

Considerable discussion ensued on various points.

At the suggestion of Mr. Borchard, the president was, on motion, directed to appoint a committee of three to confer with the Library of Congress on the matter of these subject headings.

The president announced the committee as follows: George N. Cheney, Luther E. Hewitt, J. David Thompson.

On motion, the resolutions committee was directed to draw up and present at a later session of the convention, a resolution of thanks to the Library of Congress for undertaking this work.

The president announced that the nominating committee was ready to make its report.

The nominations presented by this committee were as follows: President, Franklin O. Poole; 1st Vice-President, Frederick W. Schenk; 2d Vice-President, Mrs. M. C. Klingelsmith; Secretary, Miss G. E. Woodard; Treasurer, E. Lee Whitney; Executive Committee, E. O. S. Scholefield, O. J. Field, E. J. Lien.

On motion, the report was accepted and the president was directed to cast one vote for the candidates mentioned.

The president announced that he had cast the vote and that the above officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until June 30, at 9 p. m.

## THIRD SESSION

(June 30, 1912, 9 p. m., at the Chateau  
Laurier.)

Mr. Butler, of the auditing committee, presented a report on behalf of the committee, as follows:

The auditing committee begs to report that it has audited the books of the treasurer for the year ending June 24, 1912, and finds same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGARET C. KLINGELSMITH,  
FRANCES D. LYON,  
HAROLD L. BUTLER.

On motion, the report was accepted and the treasurer's report was approved.

Mr. Poole, on behalf of the committee on resolutions, presented a number of resolutions acknowledging the services to the profession of the Massachusetts State library in publishing a list of American statute law, and the catalog of foreign statute laws; of Mr. Francis Rawle in presenting to the association for publication

his list of Bar Association proceedings; of the Library of Congress in compiling a list of subject headings for law library catalogs, and the Guide to the legal literature of Germany; and to all those who contributed to the program of the meeting, and had been instrumental in making the stay of the members in Ottawa so pleasant and profitable. There was also presented a resolution in acknowledgment of the life work of William J. C. Berry, one of the charter members, and formerly librarian of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and of Stephen B. Griswold, the only honorary member of the association, and formerly state law librarian of New York. All these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Mr. A. J. Small stated that he had received many requests for information regarding shelf classifications of text books

in his library and moved that the president appoint a committee of three to gather information regarding such classifications in the several libraries and prepare the same for publication. After discussion the motion, being seconded, was duly carried. On motion it was voted to appropriate \$25.00 for the expenses of the committee. The president announced the committee as follows: Miss G. E. Woodward, G. N. Cheney, E. A. Feazel.

The business of the association having been completed it was on motion, voted that the meeting adjourn sine die.

In addition to the above sessions, the association met in conjunction with other bodies in two joint sessions, the first with the National Association of State Libraries and the Special Libraries Association, and the second, with the Bibliographical Society of America and other bodies.